

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2708

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enrollment priority for veterans, who are recipients of certain medals for valor, in health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2006

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ENROLLMENT PRIORITY FOR HEALTH CARE**
4 **BENEFITS OF VETERANS WHO ARE RECIPI-**
5 **ENTS OF CERTAIN MEDALS AND AWARDS.**

6 Section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph (3):

1 “(3) Veterans who—

2 “(A) are former prisoners of war or were
3 awarded the Purple Heart;

4 “(B) were awarded—

5 “(i) the medal of honor;

6 “(ii) the distinguished-service cross,
7 Navy cross, or Air Force cross;

8 “(iii) the silver star; or

9 “(iv) any other medal for valor or her-
10 oism accorded a position in the order of
11 precedence of awards and decorations au-
12 thorized to be awarded to members of the
13 Armed Forces that is equal to or higher
14 than the order of precedence accorded to
15 the silver star medal;

16 “(C) have a service-connected disability
17 rated 10 percent or 20 percent; or

18 “(D) are described in subparagraphs (B)
19 and (C) of section 1710(a)(2) of this title.”.

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